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DATE: August 19, 2016  
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SUBJECT: Share tables and taking food components off-site in the at-risk  
afterschool component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program  
TO: CACFP institutions serving at-risk afterschool programs

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Child and Adult Care Food Program (“CACFP State Agency”) announces the release of two policy memoranda issued by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) pertaining to at-risk afterschool programs, described below:

- 1) USDA Policy SP 41-2016, CACFP 13-2016, SFSP 15-2016, *Use of Share Tables in Child Nutrition Programs*.
- 2) USDA Policy CACFP 22-2016, *Taking Food Components Off-site in the At-Risk Afterschool Component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program*.

#### ***Use of Share Tables in Child Nutrition Programs***

USDA Policy SP 41-2016, CACFP 13-2016, SFSP 15-2016, *Use of Share Tables in Child Nutrition Programs* allows at-risk afterschool programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) to use share tables to increase children’s consumption of nutritious foods and minimize food waste. Refer to the attached USDA memorandum to read about this flexibility.

The CACFP State Agency consulted with the Environmental Health and Sustainability Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and determined the health and sanitation rules regulating afterschool programs (both licensed and exempt) are consistent with the guidance issued in the USDA memorandum.

The USDA policy memorandum includes a resource attachment suggesting the type of food components recommended for share tables. Specifically, whole pieces of fruit are recommended by the USDA for share tables. The Colorado CACFP and CDPHE sanitation experts recommend wrapping plastic wrap around whole fruits that are ready to eat and without a peel, such as apples. This will reduce contamination from other children’s bare hand contact with ready-to-eat foods. This recommendation is not necessary for fruits with a peel, such as a banana or orange.

#### ***Taking Food Components Off-site in the At-risk Afterschool Component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program***

USDA Policy CACFP 22-2016, *Taking Food Components Off-site in the At-risk Afterschool Component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program* allows children participating in at-risk



afterschool programs to take certain CACFP meal components off-site to each at a later time. Refer to the attached USDA policy memorandum for more information.

Please contact the CACFP State Agency at 303-692-2330 with any questions regarding either of these policies.

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